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Letter to Philander Chase

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44 Warley St June 9th
1826

My dear Bishop Chase

Although a very long time
has elapsed since I received your most kind
& welcome letter, I hope you have not attributed
my silence to want of affection, for no day has
passed without your being thought of with
the greatest love & esteem. I know how much
you are occupied & have felt almost unwilling
to trouble you with a letter from one when
I am sure Papa writes you everything interest-
ing that occurs. When however I heard that
De Wad was going to send a box to Ohio
I could not allow it to leave England
without something to recall to your remem-
brance that your Platt friends are as warmly
interested for you & the good cause as ever.
Miss Mayfarlane has been with us for more
than a week & we have sometimes sat up

till midnight talking of you & Ohio. I really
think the friendship of your London friends
is stronger than ever. You will no doubt
be glad to hear the Organ for your Church
is finished & will soon be packed up & sent
to you. We have all been to hear it & were
much pleased with the selection of the music
& the sweetness of its tones. I need not say how
interested we all feel for your ultimate success
with the 8 Indians who have quite surprised
us by their ^{advanced} progress. What a blessing it would
be if they could all be civilized. I think if any
one can succeed you will. We were very much
gratified by Mr. Clay's kindness & particularly
by his allowing his little son to accompany
you it will show in America how highly
we think of the proposed Seminary. I am very
glad you have named your college after good
Lord Kenyon. I am delighted you have at last
fixed to have the Seminary on the land in
Shropshire for Maria & I were quite as sorry
as you when we found Papa could not
buy it but I trust it was for the best & that
this will not prevent the Church in the West

from continuing to flourish. We were all very
much concerned to hear that your little son
Philander was ill but sincerely hope that he will
have been restored to complete health long before
this letter reaches you. I suppose you know
that last October our family received the
notification of a little girl who has been called
Emily after Mrs Haigh of Widdowfield.
Since I last wrote to you I have left school
& I have now been at home 9 months. Catherine
is still at Ipswich. She is very much grown &
we think improved. Ben has been at Ips
6 weeks & I am most happy to say has so far
been very steady. If he but follow your good
advice of saying No I am sure he will do
well. Charlotte is now quite a tall stout girl
quite recovered from her late severe illness.
Your little God daughter is a very healthy
child & begins to talk very distinctly. Cousin
Ben Chase has been twice to see us this year.
You would be quite pleased to see how rational
he has grown he is quite changed. My health
has not been good for the last 6 months but
I trust the warm weather will be of service to me.

I cannot at all bear to think I shall never see
you again & I constantly hope some happy
circumstance will cause us to meet either in
England or America. Present my best regards
to Mrs Chase & say to her how much pleasure

I might see a Bishop Chase

Wilmington

Chas

U. S. America



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it would give me to become acquainted with her.
Papa & Mama & the rest of the family join me in kindest
remembrance to her & yourself.

That the good & gracious God may bless you & all
your family & prosper your good endeavours for the
success of the Church in the West is the fervent prayer
of your most respectfully affectionate & attached daughter
Eliza Wiggins

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